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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of George Morris, Jr., who passed away on June 15, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, George Morris, Jr. was born on November 15, 1924, in West Frankfort; his parents were George Sr. and Laura Morris; he married Lola F. (nee Melvin) Morris in 1946, in Pickett, Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, George Morris, Jr. served his country with pride in the United States Navy during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater; and

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WHEREAS, George Morris, Jr. began working in the coal mines in 1947 with the Franklin County Coal Company in Royalton; he subsequently worked for the Freeman Coal Company before transferring to the Peabody Coal Company in 1971; while working for Peabody, he worked as the safety manager at Eagle Mine in Shawneetown; in 1977, he began working at the Morris and Sons Coal Company as the personnel and safety director; his last employment was at Kenellis Energies Inc. in Galatia, where he worked out of the corporate office and handled all labor matters for the company; he also served as president of the local district of United Mine Workers of America and taught

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1 mine safety classes at Southeastern Illinois College; and

2 WHEREAS, George Morris, Jr. served his community as a  
3 member of Denning Township Board and coached little league  
4 baseball when he was younger; he was also a member of West  
5 Frankfort Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5764; and

6 WHEREAS, George Morris, Jr. was preceded in death by his  
7 parents; his wife, Lola; his sisters, Thelma, Ruth, and Maxine;  
8 his brothers, Vernon, Albert, Doyle, and Harold Morris; and his  
9 two infant siblings; and

10 WHEREAS, George Morris, Jr. is survived by his daughter,  
11 Melanie (Gerald) Walker; his son, Rex (Linda) Morris; his  
12 grandchildren, Chad Robison and Jamiel Morris; and his  
13 great-grandchildren, Jordan and Hunter Robison and Kane and Nia  
14 Morris; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his  
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of George Morris, Jr.;  
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the family of George Morris, Jr. as an expression  
21 of our sympathy.